IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please amend the claims as indicated below.

- (Previously Presented) A modem module for connecting to a carrier assembly, comprising:
 circuitry for interfacing with a telephone line; and
 one or more solder pads for connecting a signal line of said modem module to said carrier assembly.
- 2. (Original) The modem module of claim 1, further comprising a tip/ring connector for interfacing with said telephone line.
 - 3. (Original) The modem module of claim 1, further comprising a connection to a tip/ring connector.
- 15 4. (Original) The modem module of claim 1, wherein said carrier assembly is a motherboard.
 - 5. (Original) The modem module of claim 1, wherein said one or more solder pads are soldered to corresponding one or more solder pads on said carrier assembly.
- 20 6. (Original) The modern module of claim 1, wherein said modern assembly is fabricated on a printed circuit board.
 - 7. (Original) The modern module of claim 1, wherein said modern assembly is an integrated device.
 - 8. (Previously Presented) A method for fabricating a modem module for connection to a carrier assembly, comprising the steps of:

providing circuitry on a printed circuit board for interfacing with a telephone line; and

providing one or more solder pads on said printed circuit board for connecting a signal line of said modern module to said carrier assembly.

- 9. (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of providing a tip/ring connector for interfacing with said telephone line.
- 5 10. (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of connecting to a tip/ring connector.
 - 11. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein said carrier assembly is a motherboard.

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- 12. (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of soldering said one or more solder pads to corresponding one or more solder pads on said carrier assembly.
 - 13. (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of fabricating said modem assembly on a printed circuit board.
 - 14. (Previously Presented) A printed circuit board, comprising:

 modem circuitry for interfacing with a telephone line; and

 one or more solder pads for connecting a signal line of said modem circuitry to a
 carrier assembly.
 - 15. (Original) The printed circuit board of claim 14, further comprising a tip/ring connector for interfacing with said telephone line.
- 16. (Original) The printed circuit board of claim 14, further comprising a connection to a tip/ring connector.
 - 17. (Original) The printed circuit board of claim 14, wherein said carrier assembly is a motherboard.
- 30 18. (Original) The printed circuit board of claim 14, wherein said one or more solder pads are soldered to corresponding one or more solder pads on said carrier assembly.

- 19. (Original) The printed circuit board of claim 14, wherein said modem assembly is fabricated on a printed circuit board.
- 5 20. (Original) The printed circuit board of claim 14, wherein said modem assembly is an integrated device.